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In regard to the application of: Aviv REFUAH

Serial No: US National Phase of PCT/IL99/00433

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For: USER INTERFACE METHOD

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicant respectfully direct the attention of the Examiner to art cited with respect to the U.S. national filing of PCT Application No. PCT/IL99/00433 filed August 5, 1999. Which is a continuation-in-part of U.S.S.N. 09/744,102 filed March 16, 2001, U.S.S.N. 09/529,792 filed September 27, 2000 and U.S.S.N. 09/601,385 filed July 28, 2000 and claims the benefit under 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/103,473, filed October 8, 1998.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to review and consider this art, in accordance with MPEP 2001.06, MPEP 1893.03(e) and MPEP 1893.03(g) and to indicate in the first office action that he has considered this art. Additionally, the Examiner is respectfully requested to cite those prior art publications mentioned in this application which the Examiner considers to be material or relevant to the present claims.

Further, in order to comply with discretionary regulations 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98, attached is Form PTO-1449 listing the cited art. Also attached are copies¹ of the art. This art contains information which the examiner may consider to be important in deciding whether to allow the present application to issue as a patent. Item 42 was cited on the PCT International Search Report. A copy of this item is not attached, as it is available in the national stage file.

Items 1-14, 17, 19-24, 27-29, 33-34, 37-41, 47-50 are not attached, as they are available in parent file U.S.S.N. 09/744,102.

¹ To the extent that a document is listed and no copy of same is attached, then such document is not at the present time available to the undersigned or is available in the national stage file. If a listed document is not in the English language and an English translation is readily available, such translation is also attached; if translation is not attached, it is not readily available to the undersigned. If a foreign language patent document is cited, and an English language equivalent is known to the undersigned, then such an equivalent patent is also cited on the attached form along with the corresponding foreign language patent and a connecting arrow indicated therebetween; if no such English language equivalent is cited then none is known to the undersigned.

Items 15-16, 18, 25-26, 30-32, 35 and 36 are not attached, as they are available in parent file U.S.S.N. 09/601,385.

Applicant points out that items 13-14, 34 and 46 were filed between the earliest priority date and the effective filing date of the present application.

In accordance with MPEP Section 609 it is requested that each document cited (including any mentioned in Applicant's specification which is not repeated on the attached PTO-1449 form) be given thorough consideration and be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing on the PTO-1449 form, so that it will appear on the face of the patent issuing on the present application, even if the Examiner does not consider it sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection, or otherwise does not believe that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56 as an Examiner might consider any cited document important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, but the citation of each document is not to be construed as an admission that such document is necessarily relevant or prior art. No representation is intended that the cited documents represent the results of a complete search, and it is anticipated that the Examiner in the normal course of examination, will make an independent search and will determine the best prior art consistent with 37 C.F.R. §1.104(a), and in the course of such search will review for relevance every document cited on the attached form.

Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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